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24.	M/s Neepaz Metaliks Ltd.	63.	M/s Ispat Industries Ltd.
25.	M/s Adhunik Alloys and Power Ltd.	64.	M/s MSPL Ltd.
26.	M/s Adhunik Corporation Ltd.	65.	M/s Aress Iron and Steel Ltd.
27.	M/s Maa Chhinamastika Cement and Ispat Pvt. Ltd.	66.	M/s Bihar Sponge Iron Ltd.
28.	M/s Neo Metaliks Ltd.	67.	M/s BMW Ventures Ltd.
29.	M/s Arham Mangal Ltd.	68.	M/s Jharkhand Metal and Power Ltd.
30.	M/s Vini Iron and Steel Udyog Ltd.	69.	M/s Rashmi Metaliks Ltd.
31.	M/s Premier Ferro Alloys and Securities Ltd.	70.	M/s Usha Martine Ltd.
32.	M/s Tyron Merchants Pvt. Ltd.	71.	M/s Mittal Steel India Ltd. (Arcelor Mittal India Ltd.)
33.	M/s Jupiter Iron Industries (P) Ltd.	72.	M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd.
34.	M/s BMW Industries Ltd.	73.	M/s Shyam Steel Industries Ltd.
35.	M/s Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd.	74.	M/s S. K. S. Ispat and Power Ltd.
36.	M/s Palash Sponge Iron Pvt. Ltd.	75.	M/s Bengal Sponge Manufacture Mining Pvt. Ltd.
37.	M/s Tata Metalik Ltd.	76.	M/s PK Wire Products Pvt. Ltd.
38.	M/s Jindal Steel and Power Ltd.	77.	M/s Quality Steel Wire Products Pvt. Ltd.
39.	M/s JSW Steel Ltd.	78.	M/s Orissa Manganese and Mineral Pvt. Ltd.

Lease of mining blocks under MMDR Act

243. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments are required to obtain prior approval for granting Reconnaissance Permits (RPs), Prospecting Licences (PLs) and Mining Leases (MLs) for iron blocks under the Mines and Mineral Development and Regulation (MMDR) Act, 1957;

(b) if so, what are the details of RPs/ PLs received from Jharkhand Government for iron ore blocks during the last one year, under section 11(5) of the MMDR Act, applicant-wise and date-wise;

(c) whether recommendations of the State Government are in accordance with criteria laid down u/s 11(3) of the MMDR Act, which requires the Central Government to compare the capabilities of various applicants; and

(d) if not, the details where the criteria, as per the MMDR Act, has been violated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No proposal seeking prior approval under Section 5(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 for grant of RP for iron ore has been received from the State Government of Jharkhand since 1.4.2007. till 15.10.2008. During the said period, the State Government of Jharkhand has sent 4 proposals for grant of PL to the Ministry of Mines in Which the State Government has invoked the provisions of Section 11(5) of the MMDR Act, 1957. The details are given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the applicant	Area	Date of receipt of the application
1.	M/s JSW Steel Ltd.	1388.5 hectares in Ankua Reserve Forest, district West Singhbhum	7/6/2007
2.	M/s Essar Steel Ltd.	568.75 hectares in Ankua Reserve Forest, district West Singhbhum	31/7/2007
3.	M/s Tata Steel Ltd.	1808 hectares in Ankua Reserve Forest, district West Singhbhum	13/11/2007
4.	M/s Arcelor Mittal India Ltd.	1087.75 hectares in Karampada Reserve Forest, district West Singhbhum	16/7/2007

(c) The State Government has recommended the proposals alongwith a comparative chart of merits of the applicants for the recommended areas in each proposal in terms of the parameters laid down Section 11(3) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act. 1957.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.

Categorisation of chalk as minor mineral

244. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat Government has been requesting the Central Government time and again for reconsidering their decision and declare chalk as a minor mineral from major mineral, keeping in view that mainly local small farmers are involved in the mining, which is done by routine small equipment;

(b) whether it would be befitting and in the interest of small lease holding farmers/ marginal labourers, if Government declares chalk as a minor mineral units, for smooth and affordable mining; and